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POWER
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SCHEME TO LINK NORTH BIHAR AND SOUTH BIHAR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to link Power Grid of North Bihar and South Bihar with a transmission line;

(b) whether Northern parts of Bihar remain in darkness due to lack of a transmission line despite abundance of power in Southern Bihar;

(c) whether there is any scheme to link Muzaffarpur and Bihar Sharif with a power transmission line; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : A 132 kV double circuit line between Hathidah in South Bihar and Barauni in North Bihar is already in existence. A 220 kV double circuit transmission line between Bihar Sharif in South Bihar and Begusarai in North Bihar is under construction and is expected to be commissioned in the year 2000. A 220 kV D/C line between Fatwa in South Bihar and Hazipur in North Bihar had been constructed but has been washed away in Ganga river crossing portion and is yet to be restored by Bihar State Electricity Board.

(b) : The Northern parts of Bihar have been experiencing energy shortage primarily due to constraints in its sub-transmission and distribution system and inability of BSEB to meet full payment obligation of NTPC and POWERGRID for availing requisite quantum of central sector power to meet their full requirement.

(c) & (d) : POWERGRID has drawn a proposal to construct 400 kV sub-station at Muzaffarpur for evacuation of power from Tala HEP (Bhutan). 400 kV Muzaffarpur sub-station will be connected to Purnea sub-station through 400 kV D/C transmission line. This in turn will get connected to Bihar Sharif through Malda, Farakka, Kahalgaon by 400 kV transmission lines.